

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2006, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by June 16, 2006.

Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the title of the invention was objected to as not descriptive. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,236,588 to Moldan et al. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moldan et al.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2-9 and 12-15 if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, the title was amended to adopt the title proposed by the Examiner.

The specification was amended to delete reference to the claims, to add standard headings, and to correct various typographical errors.

The claims were amended to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

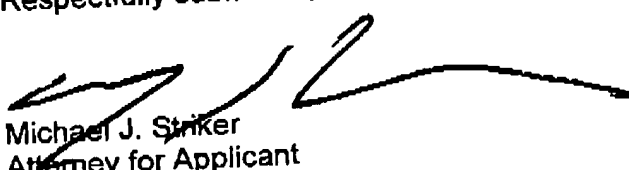
Claim 1 was amended to add the features of allowable claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled. Therefore, amended claim 1, along with dependent claims 3-15, are all allowable over the art of record.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3-15 are patentable over the cited art. The Applicants further request withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims as herein amended.

In light of the foregoing amendments and arguments in support of patentability, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to resolve any remaining issues that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Striker
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No.: 27233
103 East Neck Road
Huntington, New York 11743
631-549-4700